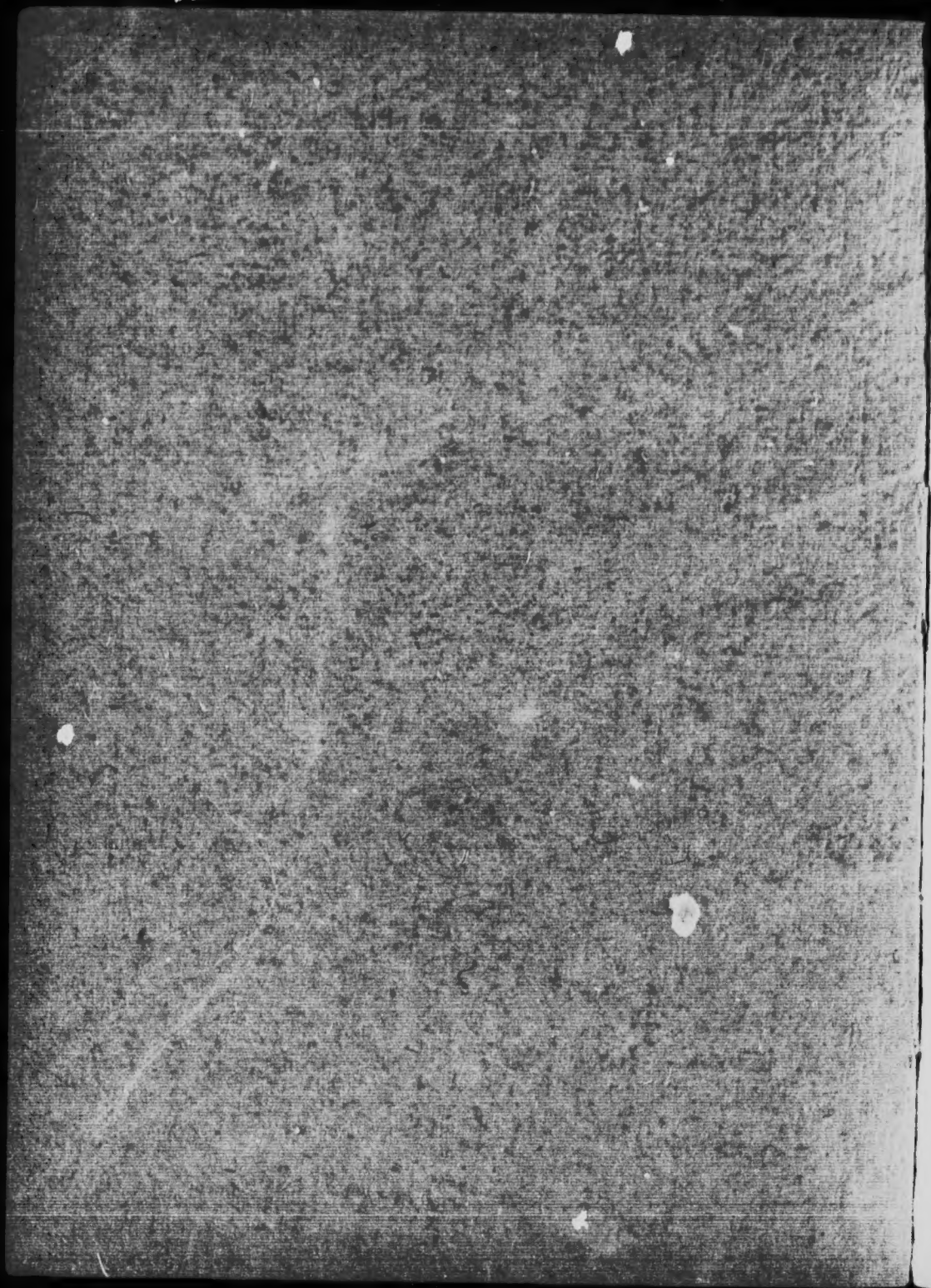

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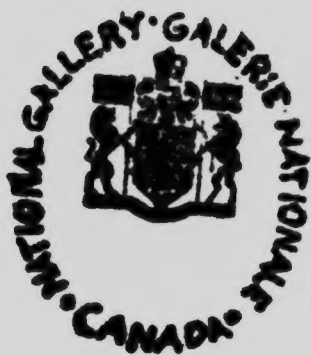
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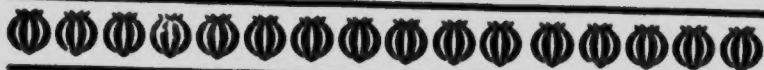


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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION

— 1 —

The Name of the Society shall be "The Society of Quebec Artists."

— 2 —

The object for which the Society is established is to foster a taste for art, by instituting Annual or Bi-Annual Exhibitions and to facilitate the intercourse of those connected with and interested in art.

— 3 —

The Society shall consist of two classes of members—Professional and Lay, and each class shall comprise honorary and ordinary membership.

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Artists of distinction may be elected as honorary professional members. They shall pay no fees or subscriptions, and shall have no rights or liabilities in connection with the Society.

— 5 —

Professional members shall be professional artists,—painters, sculptors, etchers, architects, engravers or designers.

— 6 —

An ordinary member, whether Professional or Lay, shall pay an annual subscription, and shall be bound to contribute to the assets of the Society in the event of the same being wound up during the time he is a member, or within one year afterwards, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Society contracted before the time at which he ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up same.

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All right and interest in the Society and the property thereof is vested in the ordinary mem-

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bers, Professional and Lay; but should anyone cease to be a member, by death, resignation, or otherwise, neither he nor his representative or assignees shall have any right, title, claim or demand upon, or interest in, the property or funds of the Society.



GOVERNMENT

— 8 —

The government of the Society, and the entire management of its affairs and property, except so far as deputed to its officers by law, shall be vested in the ordinary members, Professional and Lay, (hereafter called "members,") who meet and decide in general assembly, under the laws in force for the time being, and the acts and votes of such meetings shall have the same effect as if every member of the Society was a party assenting thereto. But no general meeting shall have power to act, elect, vote, or transact business, unless at least ten members are present.

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The officers of the Society shall consist of a President and Vice-President; a Chairman, (or the President), who must be a professional member; a Secretary, who shall also act as Treasurer, and an Hon. Treasurer.

The affairs of the Society shall be managed by the President and a Council, consisting of six members, four Professional and two Lay. The Honorary Treasurer shall be elected by the Council from the lay members of the Council and he shall, ex-officio, be convenor of the Finance Committee.

The Council shall administer the affairs of the Society in all things, and may at any meeting called for the purpose, make by-laws not contrary to law or the Charter of the Society, as to the following matters:—

- (1) The election of members:
- (2) The composition of the Council and the order of rotation of service:
- (3) The regulation and collection of Members Fees.
- (4) Obnoxious members, their suspension, expulsion or punishment; Provided that no

members may be suspended or expelled except upon the vote of at least two thirds of the members present at the Annual General Assembly.

- (5) To financially or otherwise aid artists in want, or their families.
- (6) The time and place for the holding of Exhibitions of the Society, the holding and the calling of meetings, regular and special, the quorum, the requirements as to proxies, votes of absentees and the procedure in all things at such meetings and the business to be transacted thereat.
- (7) The appointment, election, functions and duties of officers, committees and special commissioners of the Society.

Every such by-law shall only be in force until the next General Assembly, and in default of confirmation thereat shall then and thereafter cease to be in force.

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An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held at a date fixed by the Council, when the officers and Council for the ensuing year shall be elected and other business transacted to be mentioned hereafter. The officers shall hold office for one year, but are eligible for re-

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election. Any vacancy occurring during any year in the list of officers or Council, may be filled up until next Annual General Meeting by the Council.

— 12 —

The Secretary and Treasurer shall conduct the business of the Society, under the direction of the Council, and shall keep all necessary books. The Secretary shall give a statement of work during the year at the Annual General Meeting.

— 13 —

Special general meetings may be called by the President whenever the business of the Society may seem to require it, but the President shall be bound, on the written requisition of any eight or more members, to call a general meeting, and failing to do so within seven days, such eight members may call it themselves.

— 14 —

All notices of motions relating to alteration of Laws or Regulations shall be given in writing to the Secretary at least ten days before a general meeting.

— 15 —

Notices of general meetings must be posted to members at least four days before date of proposed general meeting, and must contain notice of all business to be transacted.

— 16 —

Motions thus intimated, if passed at the general meeting shall thereupon become law.

— 17 —

The Secretary shall give notice to all members of any change of or addition to the laws.

— 18 —

At Council meetings, in the event of the absence of the Chairman or Secretary, a Chairman or Secretary (pro-tem.) shall be elected from the members of the Council present.

— 19 —

All votes at a general or council Meeting shall be taken by a show of hands, except where otherwise provided by special law; but a majority of

members present at any meeting may determine to take any particular vote by ballot.

— 20 —

The Chairman at any meeting shall only have a casting vote except at the election of members.

— 21 —

Meetings of council shall be called by the Secretary when he considers it necessary, or at the request of the Chairman, or any two members of the Council.

— 22 —

Candidates for ordinary Professional membership shall be proposed and seconded by professional members of the Society; and the names of such candidates, together with the names of their proposers and seconders, shall be sent to each Professional member of the Society, at least seven days previous to the Annual General Meeting at which they are brought up for election. They shall be voted for by Professional members only; and the Council shall have the power to examine into the quali-

fications of candidates for Professional Membership before being brought forward for ballot; and to request such candidates to submit three or more specimens of their work for the inspection of members on the day of election. The vote shall be taken by ballot; one black ball in three shall exclude.

— 23 —

Any member receiving a salary from the Society shall have no vote.

— 24 —

All applicants for admission to the Society as Lay Members must be proposed by a member of the Society. They shall be elected by the Council.

— 25 —

The Secretary, shall, upon the election of any member, give him notice thereof without delay, also a copy of the Rules.

— 26 —

Any member who is considered to have become

obnoxious to the Society, may be expelled by vote, to be taken by ballot, of three-fourths of the members voting at a general meeting.

— 27 —

The Society cannot be dissolved except by the consent, in writing, of three-fourths of the entire membership.

— 28 —

The Laws of the Society shall be printed for the use of the members.



FINANCIAL

— 29 —

Professional members shall pay an annual subscription of ten dollars (\$10.00) and an entrance fee of five dollars (\$5.00). Lay members shall pay an annual subscription of five dollars (\$5.00), or by a payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) become life members. No elected candidate

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shall have any privileges as a member of the Society till subscription and entrance fees have been paid.

— 30 —

The Financial Year begins on the 1st of January, when subscriptions are due. Membership shall lapse if subscriptions are not paid before Sending-in day for the first exhibition of that year.

— 31 —

A Bank account shall be kept for the society in the name of the President and Secretary. All receipts, vouchers, securities, and other financial documents shall be signed by them.

— 32 —

All receipts, vouchers, and securities, and the Treasurer's books, shall be examined, balanced and audited before the Annual General Meeting. and a Balance Sheet made out, showing the Financial position of the Society.

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In the event of a balance sheet showing a

surplus in any year, the same or such part thereof as shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting, shall be formed into, or added to a Reserve Fund, and three Trustees shall be appointed at a General Meeting to control and invest such Fund in Securities authorized by Law for Trust Funds: and on dissolution of the Society, all the Funds shall be applied to such Charitable or other purposes connected with art as the Society shall in general meeting determine. The Society shall have power by resolution passed at a general meeting to vote sums from its surplus funds towards objects connected with art.



EXHIBITIONS

— 34 —

The holding of Exhibitions, Banquets, Conversazioni, &c., shall be arranged for by the Council, who shall have power to make By-Laws for their management, and to contribute out of the Funds of the Society towards the expenses of the same.

— 35 —

There shall be a selecting committee, who

shall have full power of accepting or rejecting all works sent for exhibition, except those invited by Council. The selecting committee shall be elected by ballot at a council meeting, and shall consist of seven members, of whom at least five must be Professional, and two of whom may be Lay members.

— 36 —

The hanging committee shall be elected by ballot at a council meeting and shall consist of four Professional members and the President.

— 37 —

Ordinary Lay members and Professional members shall receive three season tickets each, and shall receive an invitation for self and friend to the Society's conversazioni, &c.

— 38 —

Honorary members shall receive two season tickets each for the exhibitions, and shall be invited to the Society's conversazioni, &c.



